WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The Weekly Collection About the Na-

tional Capital.

DEPRESSION IN CABINET MAKING. The past week has been marked by an alarmof making Cabinets for the President-elect. The people who could name the entire seven of the staff of the new Executive with the greatest confidence have become much fewer in Leither do the groups in the hotel listen with so much eagerness to the gentleman "just from Albany," or who has seen another gentleman directly from that political Mecca. The latest advices from Albany are that Mr. Cleveland

follows Polonius's advice to-"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice." He is an admirable listener, while his talent for holding his tongue is unsurpassed. Consequently his silence has been too often mistaken for consent by ardent partisans of political

This does not explain it all, however; for the mercury has fallen just as rapidly for the leaders as for the followers. A week ago Senator Bayard felt that he could say in a quiet way that he could take his choice between the State | Bureau were: and Treasury Departments. To-day he is not at all sure that a place in the Cabinet has been or will be offered him. Senator Garland, of Arkansas, was equally sure of a place; Whitney, of New York, was doubtful whether he would like best the Attorney-Generalship or the War Office; while it was regarded as well settled that McDonald, of Indiana, could have the Interior Department if he did not desire some other place. To-day McDonald's chances of getting into the Cabinet at all are regarded as so dubious that Senator Voorhees and a delegation of Indianaians are on the point of starting to visit Mr. Cleveland in order to put a little pressure on him in favor of "Hard-Money Joe."

SUPERSTITIOUS POLITICIANS. Politicians are like gamblers in their belief in "luck" and "chances" and "sequences." The older a politician gets the more superstitious he becomes as a rule. Part of the sudden decline in the Cabinet-aspirants' stock is said to be due to their own chill over a remark by Samuel Randall that no Cabinet officer had been elected President for 50 years. As every one of those who expect to go into the Cabinet also expect to be elected President in 1888, this gave them an ague fit. Cabinet positions were not so desirable things after all. Since the organization of the Government we have

Secretaries of the Treasury Secretaries of War. Secretaries of the Navv Secretaries of the Interior ...

dential aspirant, but the only ones who "got

1. Thomas Jefferson. 2. James Madison. 8. James Monroe 1816-1820

This is certainly not encouraging for those who would use the Cabinet as a stepping-stone for the Presidency. They see before them the ghosts of such awful disappointments as met the ambition of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Lewis Cass, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Ewing, W. H. Crawford, S. P. Chase, B. H. Bristow, John Sherman, John Bell, Jefferson Davis, and W. Q. Gresham, who thought they could step from a Department building into the White House.

JUST TOO SMART FOR ANYTHING. Some people are just too smart for anythingexcept killing. It is now gravely announced that the Democratic Members of Congress have, after much anxious thought, "matured a plan by which President Cleveland will be spared the overwheiming crush of office-seekers." (So there is to be an overwhelming crush of officeseekers after all.) "They will put themselves between the greedy applicant and the Executive." Here is the rest of this notable plan: "The Democratic Senators and Representatives from a certain State agree upon a plan for the disposal of the offices. Each Representative is to control certain offices of his District and certain patronage is apportioned to the Senators. An applicant is referred to the M. C., who is to govern the patronage he is seeking, and is advised that he must have the indersement and approval of that Congressman. By this means each member has to shoulder only his proper portion of the burden, and when he determines whom he will support for different positions, other applicants can be advised of the futility of efforts in that direction. In this way there is a general dispostion to reduce the number of applications that will go to President Cleve-

Did anybody ever hear of so generous and selfsacrificing men as these same Congressmen? They are only equaled by that noble-hearted little boy who was afraid that the candy would make his baby-brother sick. So he ate it all himself! It will be better than a Christmas pantomime to see the proposer of this plan to President Cleveland sat down upon with a

THE DIFFICULTY WITH GEN. HAZEN. Gen. Hazen is perpetually in a broil with Weather Bureau being under discussion by a lowing reply has been received: group of prominent gentlemen gathered in a hotel, one of them—an Army officer of high rank-said:

"I heard Gen. Sherman say once that you ean no more doubt Gen. Hazen's bravery or his honesty than you can your own, and I believe that's so. He has the same trouble that Polly had," he continued. "A very accomplished poll parrot used to hang from a first floor window, and an extended broomstick afforded a good resting place. One warm Summer's day, when everything was quiet, Polly saw a dog walking leisurely along. She was an accomplished bird, and had a good memory, and having heard her master often talking to his dog. she cried out: 'Sic 'em.' The dog started and looked in every direction. Seeing only the parrot he thought she was meant and broke for her. There was a regular monkey and parrot time. Polly thought her last hour had come, but her memory did not fail her, and in the scrimmage she cried out: 'Get out, you.' The ruse was successful, but when Polly regained her perch she was in a deplorable condition. Nearly all her pretty feathers were | sure that all thor out in the gutter, one leg was lame, her flesh this reform will stand firmly among its advocates was torn and bleeding, and one eye was closed. when they find it obstructing their way to patronwas torn and bleeding, and one eye was closed. Surveying her sad plight she soliloquized ruefully: 'Polly, you talk too much.' That's the main trouble over at the Signal Office."

WASHINGTON AS A POET. No lapse of time seems to be sufficient to make a man's reputation wholly safe. George Washington has been dead now-if we remember rightly the date given us by the last surviving body-servant-passing four score years, and in those eight decades there has come from his tomb no whisper of anything affecting his sound intellectuality, but the near approach of the dedication of his monument has developed the fact that a man has in his possession an alleged poem written by the Father of his Country, and, what is worse, it is in hexameter verse. It is called "An Ode to Fame," and the gentleman who says he has it in his possession wants to read it at the dedication of the monument, or have it "read by some elecutionist of national fame." This intimation has only recently burst on a perspiring public, and there has not yet been sufficient time to initiate a movement to ascertain the truth of the case, and, if necessary, throttle the man who would inflict such a blow on the hitherto stainless escutcheon of George Washington.

A GUN FOR THE PRESIDENT. Mr. Arthur received a unique holiday gift from Victor Bogy, of Liege, Belgium. The present is a gun, though why a pipe of peace on behalf of candidates for appointment. was not chosen, rather, no one knows. United with a carved section of the stock, cut in minute diamond pattern, is an admirable design of inlaid work in gold. The decorations of the opposite sides represent different scenes of the chase, with stags and dogs, encircled by a delicate floral bordering adapted to the form of the plate. On the lock is a harmonious design, with little leaves and stems like straying hairs of Toledo, O., has adopted resolutions earnestly I was standing by the side of the alley watchof gold. The double barrel is in Damascene work of the most curious sort, repeating the name "Chester A. Arthur" innumerable times through the scriptlike design. The name which Dahlgren Post, of Elizabeth, N. J., with 155 time W. G. Malin was, but did not know how

TO OVER-TOP OUR MONUMENT. The French gloat much in anticipation over an erection with which they propose to throw the Washington monument into the shade. It is to be an iron tower erected on the grounds of

the Paris Exposition for 1889, and to be one of its attractions. It will be 300 meters high, and as a meter is three and one-third feet, it will make a total hight of about 1,000 feet, or more than 400 feet higher than the structure of marble on the banks of the Potomac. It will taper from the bottom to the top, but at a hight of 70 meters there will be a grand hall, which ing stagnation in the hitherto active business | will have a total area of about an acre and a quarter. This will be divided up into rooms for the accommodation of scientists who will study the meteorological and astronomical conditions from the top of the tower, its hight number, and the confidence of the remainder is giving it a freedom from dust and vapors such not so iron hooped and double-cleated as it was. as interfere with observations on the surface of

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING. The printing of notes, stamps for tobacco and iquors, and miscellaneous jobs for the Departments is quite an important part of the work done by the Government in this city. The labor employed is necessarily highly skilled and very costly, the presses and other machinery are of the most ingenious and expensive character, and the work turned out is not surpassed anywhere in the world. The report of T. N. Burrill, esq., Chief of the Bureau, says that during the year there have been printed notes and securities of a face value of \$268,310,180, 21,127,407 sheets of internal revenue and customs stamps, and so on. The expenses of the

Salaries of officers, etc ...

Gen. Mahone has not been in his seat this Hon. Samuel J. Tilden has engaged rooms at Willard's Hotel for the inauguration. He wrote that he expected to arrive here March 1, and would probably remain for about two weeks. A parlor and bed room on the first floor have been assigned to him. The rooms of Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, the Vice-President-elect,

MISCELLANEOUS.

the future tenant of the White House. Washington ladies will now have an apportunity of studying medicine at home, Columbian University having decided to admit women to the study of medicine.

the first floor fronting Pennsylvania avenue

DEP'T OF THE POTOMAC. Condition of the G.A.R. in Washington-Camp-

fires Burning Brightly.

In no part of the United States is there more interest taken in the Grand Army than here as there would be if the letter and spirit of the laws were properly regarded,-and as a rule Substantially every one of these was a Presi- they are men of fine military records. Among Black," with drawings by Rogers; the second them are a very large proportion who have lost | part of Miss Litchfield's "Knight of the Black a limb on the field of battle, and exceptional service has in nearly every case been the means hold. Naturally, in such a community, esprit | standing with Col. Lapham. de corps reaches its highest point, and there is an affection for those who served honorably, a true appreciation of what real military service means, and a zeal in G.A.R. matters, such as can hardly be found anywhere else.

The Commander of the Department is Col. D. S. Alexander, who holds the responsible position of Fifth Auditor of the Treasury. He is a man of fine executive ability, as his position in the Treasury Department would imply, and besides this has rare gifts as an orator. His administration has been a decided success, and there is a strong regret that it is approaching so near its close. Among other features instituted by Col. Alexander is that of stated visitations to all the Posts in the city by himself and staff. One of these was made last Friday night to Rawlins Post, No. 1, which is one of the very oldest Posts in the country. There was a large attendance and much interest manifested. Col. Alexander made a very happy speech, in which he alluded to the prosperity of the Order in the past, and mapped out what seemed to him the best policy for the future. He spoke of the necessity of unity and fraternity among the comrades to meet whatever emergency might arise from the change of

administration. He was followed by Post Commander Brooks, who made a very spirited address, in which he expressed his firm belief that, come what may, no comrade will ever by word or act give an impression that he was other than in the highest degree proud of his Grand Army badge. Past Department Commander Burdett also made a very brilliant and spirited speech, which was loudly applauded. He was followed by others until the hour when the Commander and his staff took their leave of the Post.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. Gov. Cleveland Gives His Views in a Letter to George W. Cartis.

George William Curtis, president, and a num. ber of members of the National Civil Service Reform League, recently addressed a letter to Gov. Cleveland commending the cause to him in the new and more exalted office which he some one, and this trait of the head of the will enter upon on the 4th of March. The fol-

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1884—To Hon, George William Curtis, President, &c.—Dear Sir: Your communication, dated Dec. 20, and addressed to me on behalf of the National Civil Service Reform League, has been received. That a practical reform in the civil service is demanded is abundantly established by the fact that a statute referred to in your communication to secure such a result has peen passed in Congress with the assent of both ical parties, and by the farther fact that a sentiment is generally prevalent among patriotic peo-ple calling for the fair and honest enforcement of the law which has been thus enacted. I regard myself piedged to this because my conception of rue Democratic faith and public duty requires that this and all other statutes should be in good faith and without evasion enforced, and because in many utterances made prior to my election as President, approved by the party to which I belong, and which I have no disposition to disclaim, I have in effect promised the people that this should be done.

I am not unmindful of the fact to which you refer that many of our citizens fear that the recent party hange in the national executive may demonstrate that the abuses which have grown up in the civil service are ineradicable. I know that they are deeply rooted, and that the spoils system has been supposed to be intimately related to success in the maintenance of party organization, and I am not age and place. But fully appreciating the trust committed to my charge, no such consideration shall cause a relaxation on my part of any earnest

effort to enforce this law. There is a class of Government positions which are not within the letter of civil service statute, but which are so disconnected with the policy of an administration, that the removal therefrom of pres-There is a class of Government positions which dministration, that the removal therefrom of present incumbents, in my opinion, should not be made during the terms for which they were appointed, solely on partisan grounds and for the purpose of putting in their places those who were in political ecord with the appointing powers, but many now holding such positions have forfeited all just claim to retention, because they have used their places for party purposes in disregard of their duty to the people, and because instead of being decent public servants, they have proved themselves offensive partisans and unscrupulous manipulators of local party management.

The lessons of the past should be unlearned, and such officials, as well as their successors, should be taught that efficiency, fitness, and devotion to pub-lic duty are the conditions of their continuance in public place and that the quiet and unobtrusive exercise of individual political rights is the reason-

them that while Democrats may expect all proper consideration, selections for offices not embraced within the civil-service rules will be based upon sufficient inquiry as to fitness, instituted by those Yours, very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Miss Ransom's Painting of Gen. Thomas. Congress to purchase from Miss C. L. Ransom requesting Congress to purchase the painting. CONGRESS.

Bill leaves that branch of the service without funds after Dec. 31. Secretary Chandler has accordingly issued an order directing the Department to make contracts for supplies, etc., as usual, but with the understanding that the contractors must wait for their pay until provision is made. The employees of the Department will also have to wait until an appropriation is made before they can receive their salaries.

instalment of adventures, and Edmund Alton | 141st Pa, Santa Rosa, Cal. tells a great many instructive and entertaining things he learned when he was a boy-page "Among the Law-makers." Louisa M. Alcott and H. H. Boyesen bring their two very short tusks curved the wrong way, by J. B. Nugent, and a description of it by C. F. Holder.

The Century presents a crowded table of contents, both the body and the departments with much plainness of speech and much suggestiveness in a paper entitled "The Freedare on the floor above. The corner rooms on man's Case in Equity," which is likely to attract attention and give rise to discussion North and Fourteenth street are reserved for a special purpose, believed to be the hope of yet securing ton Gladden, under the head of "Christianity and Popular Amusements," the writer supplementing his own suggestions with an account and commendation of an experiment on the part of the Cleveland Educational Bureau to supply wholesome entertainment to workingmen. Other practical topics briefly handled are "The Trouble with the Stage," "The Degradation of Politics," Co-operative Studies," in the City of Washington. Between 5,000 "Political Work for Young Men," "The Recent Legal Tender Decision," "Women's Clubs," and 6,000 veterans are employed in the various Departments,—not nearly so many, by the way, consists of a short sketch by Mark Twain, 'Jim's Investments, and King Sollermun,' illustrated by Kemble; "Orpiment & Gamboge," a one-part tale of studio life by "Ivory | Here it is: Forest," with a picture of one of her American girls by Mrs. Foote; and the third part of Mr. Howell's new novel, "The Rise of Silas Lapby which they have secured the places they ham," in which Tom Corey comes to an under-

United Service Magazine.—Contents for January: To, About, and Across Madagascar, by Lieut. M. A. Shufeldt, U. S. N.; McDowell and Tyler at Bull Run, by Lieut.-Col. H. W. Closson, U. S. A.; The Golden City, a poem, by the late Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase; The Date of 1835, by Rear Admiral Geo. Henry Preble, U. S. N.; The National Guard, and the Necessity for its Adoption by the General Government, by Capt. Wm. H. Powell, Brevet Major. U. S. A.; Jack Haultaut, Midshipman, U. S. N., or Life at the Naval Academy, Chaps. 1 and 2, by Commander Allen D. Brown, U. S. N.; After a Storm at Sea, a poem, by T. H. S.; One of the Duanes, Chaps. 10 and 11, by Alice King Hamilton; The Enlisted Man, by Lieut. T. H. Stevens, U. S. N.; The Late Senator Anthony, by Ben:

Decorator and Furnisher. - This excellent magazine, which, as its name implies, makes a specialty of the decoration and furnishing of houses, has made its Christmas issue an especially fine and valuable one. It contains three colored plates-two of them interiors (a morning-room and a hall decorated in Birge Velours), and the third showing various designs in Glacier Window Decorations. Full descriptions are given of the three plates. The letter press is in keeping with the illustrations, and the number is very interesting and attractive in every respect. The Decorator and Furnisher is published in New York, at 35 cents a number

among other articles of more than passing value, a fine sketch of "Wiclif and His Times," by A. W. Ward, and a practical study by Howard M. Newhall upon "A Pair of Shoes." Sarah Orne Jewett tells a story of "Farmer Finch." John Fiske discourses upon the "Town Meeting." Zadel B. Gustafson sings "The Rune of the Vega's Rudder." The illustrations, as usual, are of the highest order, and the char-

The November Century is on the press for the fourth time. The first edition of the February number, containing Gen. Grant's "Shiloh." will be 175,000. Mr. E. P. Roe's new serial story, "Driven Back to Eden," will begin in the February St.

concluded to send another sketch of the peculiar life of its inmates, and to establish my identity as one of the few who lived to tell the tale. I claim to have been among the first to enter Andersonville, being in the first squad. in the last of February, 1862, and was encamped south of W. G. Malin, Co. E, 15th Ohio, and would say to him that the stockade was not finished at the time we arrived at the prison.

I remember W. G. Malin well, and will try and relate a little incident that happened to one known as the Michigan Sergeant when his rofess to be the friends of pipe was captured by a few members of that party known as the raiders. The weather being warm the Sergeant bethought himself to enjoy his pipe and take a stroll in his undress uniform, i. e., drawers and undershirt. He had gone but a little way up the main avenue beto escape from the raiders with the lost of the buttons of his uniform. He now made a lively dash for the camp with the raiders in hot pursuit. As he ran his dr—, that is, pants, being without support, very naturally slid toward the heel, which position would have proved an impediment to any other man. Not so with the Sergeant. He stept out so vigorously that ere he reached the alley that led to our camp the two parts of the pants had parted company and were doing business on their own hook. As he reached the alley that lay between our camps he was overtaken by the raiders and again knocked down. While the raiders were enexercise of individual political rights is the reasonable measure of their party service.

If I were addressing none but party friends I should deem it entirely proper to remind them that though the coming administration is to be Democratic, a due regard for the people's interest does not permit faithful party work to be always rewarded by appointment to office, and to say to them that while Democrats may expect all proper them that while Democrats may expect all proper solf alone, called out for Tom Lawless, of the self alone, called out for Tom Lawless, of the same regiment, who waltzed right up to the scratch, but finding himself in the minority he called for John Sims, same regiment. Sims came at the call, and as he made an appearance the raiders started for him and said: "And this is the man Sims, is it!" As they came on Sims began to back from them, and cried out: "See here! See here!" He then turned and ran into the tent occupied by Wm.

Coart, and, running or crawling through it.

To any reader of this paper who will agree to show our goods and try to influence sales among friends, we will send, postpaid, two full size Ladles' Gossamer Rubber waterproof Wearing Apparel as samples, provided you cut this out and return with 25 cents to pay postage, etc.

E. PANTLIN, Booklyn, N. Y. "And this is the man Sims, is it!" As they Considerable pressure is being brought on turned and ran into the tent occupied by Wm. Congress to purchase from Miss C. L. Ransom | Coart, and, running or crawling through it, her splendid oil painting of Gen. George H. | butted the board off the back end, and ended

ing the battle. is thus wrought obliquely on the piece is not distinguishable except by close inspection.

signers, and George H. Thomas Post, of Dallas, he got out of the hands of the rebels. Many years have passed away since those dark days. years have passed away since those dark days,

and often in moments of retrospection when the scenes of horror, the incidents of camp and No work of importance was done by either | prison life come before me, they do not seem to House last week, although the Senate was in | to be realities, but move like the phantasy of a session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, troubled dream. The ragged, fleshless throng meeting only on the latter day long enough to that sojourned with us within that terrible adopt the House resolution to adjourn till Jan. 5. Prison, are widely separated to-day. They fill the shop, the mine and office of the East, and like myself follow the farmer's vocation on the broad pastures of the West, while some have pitched their tents by the glad waters whose

To THE EDITOR: There is no incident of the late war that I remember more distinctly than late war that I remember more distinctly than the capture at Gettysburg by the Confederates of Brig.-Gen. Graham. It was in the after-watch as premium.—John A. Walsh, West Wareof Brig.-Gen. Graham. It was in the after-The Magazines.

Ogilvie's Popular Reading, No. 13, is an unusually excellent number. It contains "A of Brig.-Gen. Graham. It was in the alternoon of the second day's fight, just at the left of the Peach Orchard, that the 141st Pa. charged upon the advancing enemy. Gen. Graham was unamed to the subscription list of The National Gilded Sin," by the author of Dora Thorne; on his horse in rear of the left of the regiment shouting orders to the column. As we met the Diary of a Village Gossip," by A. M. Brown.

St. Nicholas This number opens with a page. Both times of the left of the regiment shouting orders to the column. As we met the foe there was a clash of arms and a recoil of vania, Ind.—I send you \$6 for six renewals to Diary of a Village Gossip," by A. M. Brown.

St. Nicholas.—This number opens with a poem by Celia Thaxter, "The Child and the Year."

Another timely article is the breezy and exciting ice-yachting story by E. Vinton Blake, while John R. Coryell contributes a bright and home-like story, called "Baby Deb 'P'ays' for the Christmas Goose," which tells how the feast was kept in a New England light-house.

"Historic Girls," a new companion series to "Historic Boys," by E. S. Brooks. J. T. Trowbridge continues his serial of "His One Fault,"

"Diary of a Village Gossip," by A. M. Brown.

St. Nicholas.—This number opens with a poem both lines. Then Gen. Graham, standing in his stirrups brandishing his sword, rode for valuable paper.—Goo. W. Snyder, Hamilton, Mo.—Inclosed please find \$5 for five new ward through the line to lead the boys to renewed effort. In his impetuous bravery he went too far. The enemy's bayonets bristled about him, yet he struck right and left, and in the lull I distinctly heard him say: "I won't surrender; I am a Brigadier-General, and I won't surrender! He was unceremoniously helped from his horse, and we were without a General. When and how he was wounded I have not learned—Ww E. Louing Co. E. Swalm, Syling in the line to lead the boys to renew subscribers to your valuable paper.—Goo. W. Snyder, Hamilton, Mo.—Inclosed please find \$5 for five new ward through the line to lead the boys to renewed effort. In his impetuous bravery he went too far. The enemy's bayonets bristled about him, yet he struck right and left, and in the lull I distinctly heard him say: "I won't surrender; I am a Brigadier-General, and I which —Inclosed please find \$5 for five new ward through the line to lead the boys to renewed effort. In his impetuous bravery he went too far. The enemy's bayonets bristled about him, yet he struck right and left, and in the lull I distinctly heard him say: "I won't surrender; I am a Brigadier-General, and I which —Inclosed please find \$7. For which I will have recruited for the valuable pap Davy and the Goblin" go through another have not learned .- WM. E. LORING, Co. E, Please find inclosed \$10 to pay for the copies of your

A Jealous Girl Spoils Her Rivai's Eyes.

Susan Twomey and Florence Miner, two pretty girls living at the village of Preston, serials to an end. There is a spirited full-page | Conn., have for some time been rivals for the picture of a very old-fashioned elephant with affections of a rural dude named Corning, and one day last week their rivalry cultimated in an act which may place one of the young damsels in the penitentiary. It appears that Susan was the successful claimant, and led in the race tents, both the body and the departments showing a wide range of topics. Chief among these, in timeliness, is the status of the negro at the South, which Mr. George W. Cable treats with much plainness of speech and much sughome of Miss Miner and grinned through the parlor window at her rival, who was entertaining a number of bucolic beaus within. This was the last feather and Elerence in a fit of rage seized.

10 new subscribers. Please send me wateroutly watch as premium.—Samuel Bryant, Randolph, N. Y.—I send you \$10 to add to The Tribune's subscription list. — L. M. Babbock, Elmira, N. Y.—I send you \$10 for 10 new subscribers to your and South. The same theme is touched upon, a bottle of creosote which stood on the mantle less directly, in an editorial article, "A Grave Responsibility," and in an "Open Letter" from "A Southern Democrat." Another subject of wide interest is treated helpfully by Washingmedical aid promptly, but it is yet doubtful whether she will ever see again or not. Florence was immediately arrested, and being unconscious of the gravity of the offense, which the state of t in Connecticut is punishable with imprisonment for not less than seven nor more than 10 years, she treated the matter very much in the light of a joke. The accused was held in \$1,000 bail to answer before the next term of the Supreme Court. Her father furnished bail.

His Plah.

To THE EDITOR: I would like your opinion of my plan, by which I sincerely believe every pen sion and war claim now on file might be properly and fairly adjusted within a period of six months.

In case of a claim for invalid pension I, as Commissioner of Pensions, would search the records of the War Department in relation to the merits thereof, and proceed to propound a list of questions, the proper answers of which would be neces-sary to establish the claim, and forward this list of questions, with all available information and assistance to the County Judge or other duly qualified officer of the County in which the claimant resides; commanding him (the officer) to send this list of questions to the claimant and order him to appear at his office within or at a given time, with such witnesses or depositions or both, as will, as fully as possible, make answer to the questions aforesaid. The witnesses to be compelled to attend such hearing by subpona if necessary. Of course, this subject is quite expansive; but, as preiminary, I have said enough to give you an idea of my idea; the main object being to distribute the work amongst these County officers who usually have but little to do, and thereby relieve the Pen-

sion Department.-HENRY WINTER, Hanover, Ill. There is one objection to Comrade Winter's plan that would be fatal at the outset. Judges are State and County officers, and the United States cannot set them to doing its work, which would be the case if they Perley Poore, late Major 8th Mass.; United States Naval War College, by Commander S. B. Luce, U. S. N.; Army Administrative Service, I, their own work as they can do, without being loaded down with duties that are outbeing loaded down with duties that are out-

> THE QUESTION SQUAD. Comrades' Queries and Replies-Odds and Ends of Information.

Thos. Lee, Co. E, 13th Ill., Wooster. O., would like to hear from any member of his company and regiment.—Wm. H. Earl, 70 Kilby street, Boston, Mass., who is getting up a record of Co. C, 21st Mass., would like to obtain the address of the fols in keeping with the illustrations, and the number is very interesting and attractive in every respect. The Decorator and Furnisher is published in New York, at 35 cents a number of \$4 a year.

Harper's Magazine for January contains, Harper's Magazine for January contains, Pa., would like to obtain the address of the following comrades: Henry Kane, George H. Cotton, Timothy Craney (or his widow, if he be dead), Jos. Fitzgerald, Wm. H. Macomber, Wm. McGrath, Samuel Morgan, Albert Saunders, David Smith, Afred Smith, Asa J. Warren, Edward Welch and Giles W. Young.—Joseph Nelson. Blairsville, Pa., would like to hear from some of the boys who escaped from Danville Prison, No. 4, Oct. 10, 1864. —C. W. Spear, Liberal, Mo., would like to hear from some member of Co. H, 6th Ohio Cav.—Mrs. Caroline Bless, Plattsmouth, Neb., would like to hear from her son, E. A. Fowler, of the 22d Ind.— H. H. Stichter, Washington, Iowa, would like to hear from some comrade who knows of the death of Capt. H. J. Hall, loth Ind., who was killed at Florence, Ala.—Sarah Farrall, Waynetown, Ind., would like the name and whereabouts of one of usual, are of the highest order, and the character of the entire number gives brilliant promise of what the Harper of the new year is to be.

Wolfer hathe and whereabouts of the of the Surgeons of the 26th Mo., or any private or officers of Co. B, of the same regiment.—

R. W. Chapman, El Paso, Ill., wants to hear from some member of Co. K, 42d Ohio, in regard to Cheat Mountain.—W. Richardson, Co. C, 5th Ky., Kearney, Neb., would like the addresses of any of his comrades, in order to assist him in getting evidence for a pension.—J. P. Van Nest, Wooster, O., respectfully requests every member of the 120th Ohio to send in their name, rank, company and address as soon as possible, in order to complete a roll of the survivors of the regiment, now being pre-pared.—Ira D. Tafi, Co. D, 20th N. Y., Buena Vista, Ill., would like to know the names and whereabouts of any of the Surgeons who composed Andersonville.

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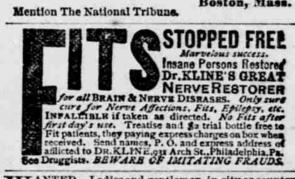
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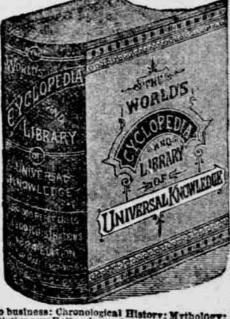
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